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S. 285

To reauthorize the Children’s Hospitals Graduate Medical Education
Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3, 2005

Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DEWINE, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To reauthorize the Children’s Hospitals Graduate Medical
Education Program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Children’s Hospitals
5 Educational Equity and Research Act” or the “CHEER
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS**
 2 **GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

3 (a) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Section 340E(a) of
 4 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256e(a)) is
 5 amended by striking “2005” and inserting “2010”.

6 (b) DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.—Sec-
 7 tion 340E(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 8 256e(c)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting “but with-
 10 out giving effect to section 1886(h)(7) of such Act)”
 11 after “section 1886(h)(4) of the Social Security
 12 Act”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2)(E)(ii), by striking “de-
 14 scribed in subparagraph (C)(ii)” and inserting “ap-
 15 plied under section 1886(d)(3)(E) of the Social Se-
 16 curity Act for discharges occurring during the pre-
 17 ceding fiscal year”.

18 (c) NATURE OF PAYMENTS.—Section 340E(e)(3) of
 19 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256e(e)(3)) is
 20 amended by striking “made to pay” and inserting “made
 21 and pay”.

22 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 23 340E(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 24 256e(f)) is amended—

25 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

26 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “and”;

1 (B) in clause (iii), by striking the period
 2 and inserting a semicolon; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(iv) for fiscal year 2006,
 5 \$110,000,000; and

6 “(v) for each of fiscal years 2007
 7 through 2010, such sums as may be nec-
 8 essary.”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (2)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
 11 (A)—

12 (i) by striking “There are hereby au-
 13 thorized” and inserting “There are author-
 14 ized”; and

15 (ii) by striking “(b)(1)(A)” and in-
 16 serting “(b)(1)(B)”;

17 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 18 “and”;

19 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
 20 period and inserting a semicolon; and

21 (D) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(D) for fiscal year 2006, \$220,000,000;
 23 and

24 “(E) for each of fiscal years 2007 through
 25 2010, such sums as may be necessary.”.

1 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 340E(e)(2)
2 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256e(e)(2))
3 is amended by striking the first sentence.

4 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

5 It is the sense of the Senate that perinatal hospitals
6 play an important role in providing quality care and ensur-
7 ing the best possible outcomes for thousands of seriously
8 ill newborns each year, and that medical training pro-
9 grams at perinatal hospitals give providers essential train-
10 ing in treating healthy mothers and babies as well as pa-
11 tients in neonatal intensive care units.

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